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OKLAHOMA CITY (UPI) -- CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY DIRECTOR GEORGE BUSH SAID YESTERDAY HE DOES NOT BELIEVE NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT FBI DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER WROTE A MEMO CLAIMING LEE HARVEY OSWALD HAD CONTACTED CUBA PRIOR TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION.

"IT'S MY INFORMATION THAT SUCH A MEMO DOES NOT EXIST," BUSH TOLD STUDENT LEADERS FROM ABOUT 20 COLLEGES.

BUSH PREDICTED THE MEMO WOULD BE PROVEN FAKE OR NON-EXISTENT. HE SAID OTHER ALLEGATIONS AGAINST HIS OWN AGENCY HAVE TURNED OUT TO BE FALSE ON INVESTIGATION.

BUSH ADMITTED THE CIA HAD BEEN GUILTY OF ABUSE OF POWER, BUT DEFENDED THE NEED FOR AN INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING AGENCY, COVERT OPERATIONS AND SPYING IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

THE CIA DIRECTOR ANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT POSSIBLE CIA INVOLVEMENT IN SEVERAL NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES WHERE TORTURE AND PROSECUTION OF POLITICAL PRISONERS HAS BEEN REPORTED BY SAYING HE WAS CONCERNED AS WELL ABOUT TORTURE AND POLITICAL PRISONERS IN NORTH KOREA, VIETNAM, SOVIET UNION, CAMBODIA AND ELSEWHERE.

"I JUST CAN'T UNDERSTAND THE SELECTIVITY OF THE MORAL OUTRAGE," HE SAID.

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